



Young Planners Network Essay Competition 2011 – Brisbane, Australia

INTRODUCTION

The Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP) is hosting an essay competition supporting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to be held in October 2011.

Funding will provide successful entrant(s) attendance at the 'State of the Commonwealth Cities Symposium' conference on October 20-21 2011, in Brisbane, Australia ahead of CHOGM.

THE COMMONWEALTH YOUNG PLANNERS

The Commonwealth of Nations Young Planners seeks to focus and develop the skills of young urban and regional planners across the Commonwealth to meet the challenges of urbanisation and the sustainable development of human settlements.

PROGRAM

The timeline for this competition is:

16 August 2011	Competition commence
14 September 2011	Submissions due
19 September 2011	Prize winners announced
20-21 October 2011	Winning entrant(s) attend conference and CAP meeting held in Brisbane, Australia.

We gratefully acknowledge the Commonwealth Foundation funding that has been made available for this.

PRIZES

CAP will endeavour to make as many awards as the funding permits and to promote regional representation with awards from as many different parts of the Commonwealth as possible.

In addition to attendance mentioned above, winning entries will be published as papers on the CAP website.



REQUIREMENTS

In light of the 2011 CHOGM theme '**Building national resilience, building global resilience**', write a report of up to 2000 words on one of the following topics:

1. What does 'resilience' mean for human settlements in the 21st Century and what do communities care about most with regard to resilience? Provide examples to support your conclusions.
2. How can planners best contribute to urban or regional recovery? (after, for example, natural disaster) Provide examples to support your conclusions.
3. Compare and contrast the global resilience challenges planners face in two Commonwealth countries, at least one of which must be in the Global South.

Provocations: food security | sustainable development | natural resource management | promotion of strong, sustainable and balanced economic growth | recovery from the global financial crisis | climate change.

ELIGIBILITY

- Entrants must have the necessary passports and be prepared to get visas to allow them to travel to Australia should they be successful.
- Entrants must:
 - o be students taking planning courses in the Commonwealth, OR
 - o have graduated from such courses in the last 10 years, OR
 - o be practicing planners under the age of 35 who are full members of an organization that is a full or affiliated member of CAP. For a list of such organizations please consult the CAP web site or contact your own planning institute to check that they are members¹.
- Entrants must put their names and email addresses on the front cover along with a signed statement that they are eligible to be members of the CAP Young Planners' Network and are willing to be members of the Network.

FORM OF SUBMISSIONS

Reports should include a bibliography of sources used, which should be presented in the conventional fashion as shown in the "relevant reading." Direct quotes in the report should be in quotation marks citing the author and date of publication. Figures and diagrams are encouraged.

¹ See page 4 or alternatively visit CAP website at <http://www.commonwealth-planners.org/>



HOW AND WHERE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES

Entries must be emailed to Annette.Odonnell@rtpi.org.uk to arrive by 12.00 noon British Summer Time on Wednesday, September 14, 2011. Results will be announced by September 19, 2011.

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RELEVANT READING

C.Hague (2009) 'Planning in the Commonwealth' *Town Planning Review* 80(2). This can be downloaded from www.commonwealth-planners.org/papers/hague.pdf

C.Hague and W.French (2010) 'The State of the Cities: Why and How the Commonwealth must address the challenge of sustainable urbanisation' *Commonwealth Discussion Paper 8*, (London: Commonwealth Secretariat). This can be downloaded from www.thecommonwealth.org/the-state-of-the-cities-814-p.aspx.

C.Hague, P.Wakely, J.Crespin and C.Jasko (2006) *Making Planning Work: A Guide to Approaches and Skills* (Rugby: Practical Action Publishing) – extracts available: <http://www.communityplanning.net/special/makingplanningwork/makingplanningwork.php>.

C.Platt (2007) 'Address to Expert Meeting, Rome: The role of planning in climate change mitigation and adaptation' *CAP Papers*. This can be downloaded from www.commonwealth-planners.org/papers

D.Howard (2011) 'Vulnerability, risk management and adaptation: responding to climate change challenges in the Commonwealth Caribbean' *CAP papers*. This can be downloaded from <http://www.commonwealth-planners.org/papers/>

W.Caldwell, A.Collett, T.Ludlow, I.Sinclair and J.Whitehead (2011) 'Planning and food security within the Commonwealth: discussion paper' *CAP papers*. This can be downloaded from <http://www.commonwealth-planners.org/papers/>

CHOGM 2011 Information available at: <http://www.chogm2011.org/>



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